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To: Board of Prison Commissioners

Please consider this as a "think list" of issues from the opinions of myself and other advocates that currently need your attention and consideration for improving the direction of the NDOC. I would like to address a few areas and I hope other advocates in attendance will also. I request this document be made a part of the meeting minutes.

- 1. Your duties and goals.
- 2. How to spend the 1.9 billion up for building new NDOC facilities. Please consider the following as places to redirect the funding and take the action needed to accomplish them.
  - a. Revitalizing and repairing prison facility infrastructure.
  - b. Revitalize entire housing and business area and make social services and jobs more accessible in high crime neighborhoods as recommended by Dr. Austin on several occasions.
  - c. More Vocational training, educational, and rehabilitative programs within prison.
  - Maintain a full staff at 100% of what is number is budgeted.
  - e. Develop and activate a better utilization of existing facilities.

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- Return to the former concept of an Administrative Regulations revision committee with the goal being not so much difference of opinion and concerns being brought forth at this meeting.
- g. The 1996 AGO on the Board of Prison Commissioners alluded to a decision to eliminate this Board. Would the time to consider this be the next legislative session? Would a DOC Oversight Committee that meets quarterly with the Director and also reports to you at each Board of Prison Commissioners meeting eliminate the need for so much deliberation and discussion at these meetings?
- h. Consider reallocating building funds to start a system of outside audits on areas of the DOC?

Thank you for listening. I will answer clarification and rationale questions on any of these issues.